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Assignee Name and Address:

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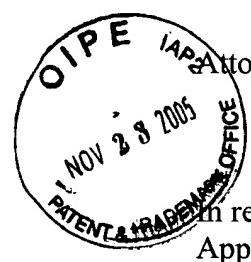
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SIGNATURE of Assignee of Record

The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Guarino et al.
Appl No.: 10/670,771 Confirmation No.: 4333
Filed: September 26, 2003 Group Art Unit: 1653
For: PEPTIDES FOR ENHANCED CELL ATTACHMENT AND GROWTH

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Becton Dickinson and Company is:

1. the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. an assignee of an undivided part interest

in the patent identified above by virtue of:

- A. An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. A copy of said assignment that is being recorded separately is attached hereto.
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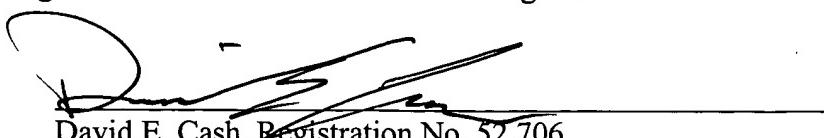
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